

REMARKS

This document is filed in response to a restriction requirement imposed in the office action dated May 26, 2004. According to the restriction requirement, the claims are directed to six groups of inventions.

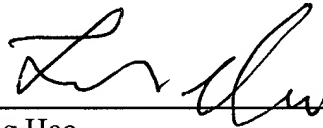
Applicants thereby elect the invention of Group II drawn to nucleic acids encoding the lipase of SEQ ID NO: 4 without traverse. As necessitated by the election, Applicants have (i) amended claims 3, 5, 6, 9, 11, 12, 15, 17, 18, 28, 30, and 31 to delete SEQ ID NOs: 2, 6, 8, and 10, and (ii) amended claims 25 and 32 to delete SEQ ID NOs: 1, 5, 7, and 9. No new matter has been added.

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Respectfully submitted,

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